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## WHAT IS CERT?

### What If This Happened to You?



Each year numerous communities fall victim to some disaster. This may be in the form of an earthquake, hurricane, tornado, blizzard, flood or "man made" disasters.

When we hear about this or see it on the news, it always seems to be happening to someone else but . . . What if this did happen to you?

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moments notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

### Volunteers Can Make a Difference!



It is likely that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other. This was the case following the Mexico City earthquake where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. However, 100 people lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

If we can predict that emergency services will not meet immediate needs following a major disaster, especially if there is no warning as in an earthquake, and people will spontaneously volunteer, what can citizens do to prepare for this eventuality?

### What Is CERT and Why Is There a Need?



Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are trained to help neighborhoods and communities mitigate disasters during the first 72 hours following a disaster when access by Professional Emergency Response Teams might be restricted.

The purpose of CERT training is to provide private citizens with the basic skills that they will need to handle virtually all of their own needs and then to respond to their neighborhoods and communities needs in the aftermath of a disaster.

CERT is sponsored by the **Citizen Corps** and **Division of Emergency Services & Homeland Security** (DESHS) of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Utah.



### CERT in Lehi City:

Lehi City has had a CERT program since 2010. The CERT program is a branch of the Emergency Management Committee and is currently being run by the Lehi City Fire Department. Since the inception of the program the CERT program has trained 157 members. The CERT Team has participated in the Lehi City Flooding Incidents, Lehi City Foam Days, Multi City Mock Disaster, Roundup Parade, Utah Great Shake Out, and many refresher trainings. Information on how to join Lehi CERT or sign up for CERT training can be found at [www.lehicer.org](http://www.lehicer.org).



## May Birthdays

- *Ernie Curwen - May 5th*
- *Brandon Howard - May 20th*
- *Ryan Kimball - May 20th*
- *Russ Ferre - May 22nd*
- *Jeff Smith - May 23rd*
- *Ricky Evans - May 27th*



# BUCKING BLOW DOWN

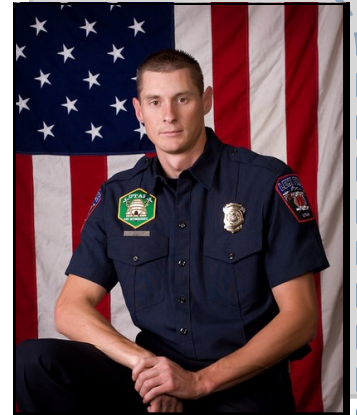


School marm, face cut, gunning cut these are just a few words used when felling a big tree.

A few months ago Utah County Fire hosted the Sawyer Class formally known as S-212, covering things like how to properly operate a chainsaw, chainsaw safety, sharpening a saw, and how to fall an enormous tree using a few tricky techniques.

Members of the Lehi Fire Department committed four long days with heart pounding weather, cold hands and frozen feet in order to complete the class. With the help of FF Trevor Dorton and his local connections, Lehi Fire Department members were able to fell several large diameter trees ranging in size from 20 DBH 40 feet tall to 30 DBH and 80 feet tall.

This was just one of the many classes that the Wildland division has attended this year. The upcoming wildfire season will bring super dry fuels and many challenges. It will be a wildfire season we anticipate using our skills and knowledge we all have been taught. We will definitely be ready!



**Firefighter Cory Taylor**



## Call Totals for the Month of April...

**Station 81**

**Fire: 31**  
**Medical: 90**  
**Total: 121**

**Station 82**

**Fire: 28**  
**Medical: 52**  
**Total: 80**



## Beautification Week in Lehi

Lehi City Fire Department had the opportunity to participate in the Lehi City Beautification Week by continuing the beautification work around fire station 82. Crews cleared the fence line, that boarder's Eagle Crest Elementary school, of weeds and other debris. They put down weed prevention fabric and topped it off with a layer of rock. This will keep the weeds down and provide a nicer presentation of the "back side" of station 82 to those who use the fire station park and the school grounds. All three platoons had a hand in creating the finished product which helps the beautification of the fire station.





**Firefighter Shad Hatfield**

## PHTLS

During the month of April Lehi Fire Department had the opportunity to send four personnel to the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy to become Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Instructors. This course was designed to develop instructors for delivering PHTLS courses to their respective departments. There were several agencies that participated including Lehi, Pleasant Grove, and Lone Peak.

Dan Harris, Shad Hatfield, Clark Clifford, and Trevor Dorton completed the course which included passing a written test, practical teaching station and a classroom presentation. Congratulations on becoming PHTLS instructors! Stand by for a PHTLS class coming soon to a fire station near you!



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### Lehi City Fire Department Vision Statement

The Lehi City Fire Department will be the premier fire department in the region and dedicated to excellence in serving our community guided by principles of Dedication, Honesty, Integrity, Professionalism, Knowledge and respect for all.



FULLY INVOLVED

<div> <div>Mon</div> <div>Tue</div> <div>Wed</div> <div>Thu</div> <div>Fri</div> <div>Sat</div> </div>						
		1	2	3	4	<div>Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 82</div>
5	6	7	8	<div>9</div> <div>Officers Meeting Station 82 8:00am</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Wildland Training - WBI Burn</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 &amp; 82</div> <div>Wildland Training - WBI Burn</div>
<div>12</div> <div>Mothers Day</div> <div></div>	<div>13</div> <div>Payroll</div> <div>LEPC Leadership Meeting</div>	<div>14</div> <div>New Hire Orientation @ Station 82</div>	15	16	17	<div>18</div> <div>Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 &amp; 82</div>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<div>EMS Week</div>						
	<div>State AEMT Testing</div>	<div>Wildland Training—Engine Boss / Crew Boss - St. George</div>				<div>Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 &amp; 82</div>
26	<div>27</div> <div>Memorial Day City Offices Closed</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Payroll</div>	29	30	31	